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FRUITS AND VEGETABLE TRADE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India produces 11 percent of world vegetable and 15 percent of fruits at 53-63 percent of global price but its share in global fruits and vegetable trade is just 1.7 percent and 0.5 percent respectively;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the recent World Bank report on India`s fruits and vegetable trade; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): As per production database of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) for the year 2005, India`s share in global production of vegetabljes and fruits was about 9.2% and 10.47% respectively and the share in global export of vegetables and fruits was about 3.72% and 0.36% respectively.

(c)&(d): The World Bank report titled ` From Competition at Home to Competing Abroad: A Case Study of India`s Horticulture` looks at world trade in horticultural products, and examines India`s trade policy for a select group of commodities. The Report was presented and discussed in the Ministry of Agriculture on 22nd December, 2005 and it was felt that some of the findings in the report needed further validation. The final report has not been received.